

RA BRIEFING SHEET
Coal Combustion Residuals Update

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Issue: Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) – Part A Extension Requests and Closure in Place Performance Standards

Topic: CCR Program

Key Issues: EPA-HQ will soon be issuing the first batch of CCR Part A extension request decisions (5 total/1 in R4). The R4 decision is for a facility in KY (Spurlock) and will consist of a Conditional Approval of their extension request for the date to cease receipt of CCR waste into the unit. In these letters EPA-HQ (b)(5)

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Background: In 2015, EPA promulgated the first ever national regulations for the disposal of CCRs, one of the largest industrial waste streams. Since 2015, EPA has finalized some Rulemakings and is working on finalizing others, as litigation and rule reconsiderations are resolved. At the same time, R4 states are in various stages of developing state CCR regulations, and developing applications requesting EPA approval to run their own CCR Permit Programs. Most surface impoundments had to cease receiving CCR by April 11, 2021, unless they applied for a “Part A” closure extension. (b)(5)

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(b)(5) Region 4 has a disproportionate percentage, (25%) of the nation’s coal ash storage units. (b)(5)

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Analysis/Policy Implications: The Part A letters (b)(5)

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Conclusions/Recommendations: (b)(5)

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Action Needed (including timeline): Obtain RA’s preference (b)(5)

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Follow up: (Leave Blank...for RA/DRA/Chief of Staff)

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Attachments included ☐ Yes ☒ No